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RE CHERNIAVSKYI'S vi it to Dr Kl on 28 Nov 1965,

see Plan to Re-Establish Ukrainian Catholic Church, dtd 29 Nov 65
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In addition to what was stated in the report on Plans, Cherniavsky told Dr Kl the following:

1. After his return from Canada TRONKO became even more convinced that he and his colleagues must do something along the questions of "church and language". KOLOSSOVA has now very strong position and will give TRONKO her full support.

2. PEDANIUK was the Foreign Minister Designate but now, unless there would be some unexpected changes - this post will be taken by TRONKO himself. Two other candidates - CHERVONENKO and KYSIL - have been discarded. CHERVONENKO will stay in Prague, CAR, and KYSIL will remain the Vice-Minister. PALAMARCHUK left for Morocco at about the same time as the Ukrainian Delegation the UN was leaving for New York. To some extent PALAMARCHUK was himself responsible for his transfer to Morocco because he planned to go on retirement and wanted to have an all-union job. CHERNIAVSKY explained that people retiring from all-union jobs get higher pensions than those from republicans.

3. Despite the fact that TRONKO was quite tense during their first encounter at the Mission (on 10 Nov 1965) he basically agreed with Dr Kl in all her points and had a very high respect for her. After this encounter they (i.e. the Mission) discussed these problems for a long time and all were in favor that something must be done to meet Dr Kl's and her friends' wishes. We meant primarily the church question.

4. The History of Ukraine by Hrushevsky is being already published in Kiev. Also some old Ukrainian philosophers and 6 volumes of History of Ukrainian cities and villages. Things are moving in this respect but there are still many difficulties.

5. The present situation in the Ukraine and in the Soviet Union in general is going to change more and more. As to problem of "language" (euphemism for Russification) CHERNIAVSKYI'S main hope is on young generation which is coming more and more to the fore. "The young people will change many things and the sooner they come to the helm of power the better". No one is able to stop them though there were still many dullwitted (tupoholovi) individuals who

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refuse to go along with life. Then he added that actually they happen also to be among the young ~~the~~ ones. Thus, for instance, KOCHUBEI is quite conservative and that's why they can't see eye to eye with each other. On the other hand he described Nina TSAPOK as a "progressive" one, and very cultured, interested in art, etc. TSAPOK worked in the Ukraine for Interart. Here she took CHERNIAVSKY to various sightseeing spots and thanked her for he had seen many interesting places in New York. TSAPOK is returning now for good to Kiev. She was here only for one year. Both - CHERNIAVSKY and TSAPOK - are leaving on 1 Dec 1965 at 19.30 hrs by Sabena.

6. Even more emphatic CHERNIAVSKY was about forthcoming changes in socio-economic situation in the Ukraine. In his opinion Libermanism and alleviation of peasants' situation were unavoidable and great changes in these domains are to be expected. CHERNIAVSKY himself has written a book on Libermanism, something about the influence of Western economic systems on Soviet present economic planning, but it has been not published yet. Several times CHERNIAVSKY stressed that it was not easy to convince "dullwitted heads" that they had either to change or go, but life itself will soon remove them. "You cannot feed people all the time just with promises and this must be realized".

7. They (in Kiev) would appreciate very much if Dr KI and her friends could find them an impressario and organize better arrangements for next enabling Ukrainian ensembles, ballets, singers and others come to the States and Canada. HUROK ignores Ukrainians and on this occasion CHERNIAVSKY made some anti-semitic statements saying that Jews are always ^{against} Ukrainian programs. HUROK, for instance, would prefer a second rate Swedish singer to Ametank or someone alike from Ukraine.

Actually, he added Jews are like that also in other aspects and he wonder there is an anti-semitism in the Soviet Union on the whole, not only in Ukraine. Dr KI's remark in defence of Jews he parried with remark that she should not worry about them because they have quite ^{good} ~~high~~ in the Soviet ^{Union}. Thus, he continued, "do you know that they have 14 synagogues in Ukraine and how many churches have you, catholics?" He also pointed at a unproportionately high per cent of Jews with University education and "warm jobs".

CHERNIAVSKY also complained that Radio, Press, and TV ignore them (Ukrainian Mission) here in the States. They never get any invitation for interviews etc. He asked Dr KI to help them to get through to those media. He stressed they want "to put Ukraine through to the international forum" because this will help them also at home.

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8. The way to full emancipation of the Ukraine leads, however, through building up and strengthening of Ukrainian culture. All efforts should be directed to that goal. Not so called politics but culture has to have priority. That's why also in cultural exchange with emigration they (Kiev) want to develop contacts with scholars, writers, students. Dr KI would do much better by putting emphasis, beside church affairs, only on cultural, "really cultural" aspect and not politics.

9. CHERNIAVSKY is sure Dr KI will come next year to Kiev. It would be advisable to come with some other people and hold there as many conferences as possible. He would like to know what kind of invitation Dr KI wanted to have - official or private - from Kolessova.

10. China - a very drastic question. Soviet Ukraine cannot go with Chinese because they want war. Ukrainians realise, however, that they would be the first ones to suffer mostly from an eventual war. Therefore "we have to stick with those who are against war." "Neither Russians nor moreover Chinese would feel so deeply war damages as would Ukraine in any kind of world war".

11. It has been discovered now that damages in the National Library caused by fire in 1964 were much less than originally estimated. The main thing is that unique archives have been preserved. It was discovered that they were not at the place which burned down and where they were supposed to be. There is huge work now going on on getting copies from other libraries and "put everything in order".

12. CHERNIAVSKY wanted to know what were the chances for getting some books from emigres and other sources abroad for supplementing Ukrainian libraries. Dr KI thought chances were quite good.

13. The trend to greater emancipation among Ukrainians is getting stronger and stronger. Even here, in the Mission, they were already discussing the possibility of Ukrainian Delegation voting differently than the Soviet Delegation on some matters.

14. CHERNIAVSKY was surprised so many people were reading Svoboda and America and this was a very bad reflection on Ukrainian emigration in the States.

15. Rita, wife of CHERNIAVSKY is on very friendly terms with TRONKO and his family. TRONKO'S position in the present Kiev hierarchy was very strong, so was Kolessova's whose position is like that of a Minister.

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16. Soviet Ukrainian authorities did not suffer from abundance of financial means. "We all don't have too much money". That's why there are also such big difficulties in developing tourism from Ukraine to this country. A short trip to the States from Ukraine costs Rubel 1,600. "Who can afford it?" Moreover that in Europe you can see much more, so far as culture is concerned, and at much cheaper price. Most popular are trips from the Black Sea to Leningrad by ship with stops in 3 or 6 countries. This tour costs only Rubel 300.-

17. FEDORENKO, Dr. - "has only Ukrainian name". He is a Russian. SHEPOTKO - has Ukrainian feelings and one can talk with him.

18. CHERNIAVSKY took following books:

- Slovo # 1 and 2 (2 volumes) - for GOLOVKO Nikolai /
- Na Dni Dity by Sherekh (Kochubey asked for it)
- Ukraine - Second Soviet Republic by Ya. Bilynsky (for Prof. M. DRATLO)
- Ukrainian Nationalism by J. Armstrong
- Natsiya Ponevolena Ale Derzhavna by Halaychuk

19. CHERNIAVSKY told Dr KI that he was contemplating to give up his diplomatic career and instead lecture at Kiev University on history.

20. CHERNIAVSKY was "very objective" about the late Metropolitan SHEPTYTSKYI. He mentioned that at one time they (in Kiev) were going to publish some materials from SHEPTYTSKYI'S archives compromising him as some sort of a German agent but now they went deeper into the problem and discovered that he was justified in many things which he had done.

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